

Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) Supplies: Ideal for Contracting Professional

As a Contracting Officer, requirements are received daily and you need to manage your workload. The MRO Purchasing Channel vehicle provides you, the contracting officer, the flexibility in meeting your customer's maintenance, repair and operations needs. This vehicle provides items such as generators, commercial tool kits, storage containers, air compressors, hydraulic presses, gantry cranes, winches, transformers, eye washing stations, pressure washers, table saws, plus many, many more products in the Hardware, Tools and Tool Cabinets, Adhesives, Paints and Sealants categories.

What does strategic sourcing mean to you? These are competitive acquisitions that possess superior pricing, a smaller numbers of vendors to solicit your requirement, significant percentage of socio-economic concerns, and a substantial selection of sustainable products at your fingertips. The terms and conditions can be set at your delivery order level and FAR 8.4 ordering procedures reduce your procurement lead time.

Awarded vendors are required to report information on items purchased and prices paid. This information is then linked to the Acquisition Gateway portal (https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov) so that contracting and purchasing activities can perform market research for upcoming acquisitions and historical prices improving procurement efficiencies and obtaining the best value for the Government.

The MRO Purchase Channel Team offers training webinars. See https://interact.gsa.gov/gsa-training/virtual for the training schedule and registration.

On the MRO website, <u>www.gsa.gov/fssimro</u>, you will find the list of awarded BPA holders, ordering guides, a training presentation with helpful screenshots, along with additional resources to help you become and stay informed.

GSA's Acquisition Gateway, a portal for government purchasers to use for all types of contract information government-wide. Visit https://hallways.cap.gsa.gov. Ordering information and expert articles for MRO are found on the "Industrial Products & Services Hallway."

Questions can also be directed to the MRO team directly at fssi.mro@gsa.gov.